



Wednesday Night Service

*St. John's Lutheran Church—Sherburn, MN
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
6:00 p.m.*

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

Midweek Worship – May 19, 2021

“Follow Our Leader”

Creative Worship

As We Gather

“I’ll see you soon!” So says the parent, spouse, or friend leaving for an errand or a short trip, with certainty that time together will soon be had again. “I’ll see you soon!” so says Jesus as He departs and ascends into heaven. And though it has not been hours or days or even weeks, rather nearly two thousand years later, we still hold to the certainty of His promise that we shall see Him again soon at His time. Until that day, though, we are wise to not stay looking up into the sky, as the disciples began to do long ago. Rather, we heed His mission to make disciples and keep ourselves prepared for that day. Even as we long to see Him soon, we know that Jesus is enough for us every day, and we take comfort in the fact that our ascended Lord Jesus remains present with us now, in this life, even amid troubles and trials. We hold on to His promises by the faith given, and we anticipate that joyful day when He will come again in the same way He was taken up into heaven.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song: “Wonderful Merciful Savior”

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

C **He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

C **We confess before God and before one another that we have failed to live in the image of Christ. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

P We stand guilty before our Father in heaven and are in need of His forgiveness.

C **Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P Because of and in Christ’s continued presence through all our days,

C **renew us and strengthen us for Christlike living and service in Your kingdom until the day when we ascend to the heavenly realm where we shall be in the presence of Christ forever and ever.**

WORD

Introit *Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

P God has gone up with a shout,

C **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

P The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,

C **until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

P The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

C **“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

P The Lord is at your right hand;

C **he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P God has gone up with a shout,

C **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

First Reading *Acts 1:1–11*

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had

given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.**

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C **he has put all things under his feet.**

Stand

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:44–53*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the

third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Second Article

Redemption

ALL: And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P *What does this mean?*

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

Song: “Christ Be My Leader”

Sermon Message: “Follow Our Lord”

Offering

Offertory Song: "Simple Praise For God's Gifts"

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Ascended Lord, Jesus Christ, we rejoice as we bring our prayers to Your throne of grace. We pray for the whole Christian Church, that through it the will of God be done among us on earth and that in it we may rejoice in hearing the Good News of the Gospel. Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As all things on this earth are under Your feet, we pray for the nations of the world and for those who lead them, that justice, security, and peace be known around the globe by Your mercies, provisions, and grace. Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the Church and for this congregation, that we use wisely the time and all resources You have given us, accomplishing Your will to further Your mission by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all those with special needs facing trial and troubles in spirit or body, and all those whose cares and challenges are of concern to us, [*especially . . .*]. Assure them and us of Your continuing presence in their lives and in our lives also. For the times in our lives when we wonder if Jesus is enough, remind us that because of Christ's ascension, His presence remains each day as He continually pours out His gifts of grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With gratefulness, ascended Lord, we thank You for the faithful witness of those no longer with us here on earth who rejoice in Your eternal care. Inspire us by their faithful witness and help us serve You and others in love all our days. Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song: #921 "On What Has Now Been Sown"

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Take My Moments & My Days

Wednesday, May 19: 6:00 p.m. Weekday Service (no communion)
Youth & Parent Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 20: Circuit Pastors

Friday, May 21: Robert Hoffmeyer visitation from 5:00-7:00 p.m. followed by funeral service at 7:00 p.m. here at the church

Sunday, May 23: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and fellowship in the Park, 10:30 a.m. Worship in the park, No 8:00 Service, 6:00 p.m. Sr. Banquet

Worship In The Park: The last day of Sunday school before summer break is next Sunday, May 23. There will only be one service. Sunday school, fellowship, refreshments and donuts will be held at the Sherburn City Park at 9:15. Our worship service will also be held at the park beginning at 10:30. Bring your own lawn chairs.

National Youth Gathering Meeting: There will be a mandatory meeting with regards to the National Youth Gathering for youth and parents. This meeting was held on Sunday, May 16 and will also be held tonight at 7:15 p.m.

Door Offering: Today through May 30th we will be taking door offering for the Sherburn Cemetery. The money will be used to help maintain and improve the Sherburn Cemetery. Checks can be made payable to Sherburn Cemetery Association.

Senior Banquet for the graduating seniors and their parents will be held next Sunday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. Seniors: please let us know if you will or will not attend. We also would like a senior picture (approximately 2 1/2 x 3 1/2. You can drop the picture off at the church office or email church@sjlsherburn.com

Pre/K VBS will be held Monday, June 7 thru Friday, June 11 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Theme this year Bible Heroes. This is open to all kids who are age 3 years old up to those going into 1st grade. Registration is available online by going to our church website: sjlsherburn.com Go to Ministry tab and then the drop down list of Kingdom Kids. You can also stop at the church to fill out a registration form.

Sherburn City Wide Garage Sales are June 10-12. Contact Sheila at Martin County Star to list your garage sale for \$10.00.

Open House Bridal Shower for Macy Petrowiak, bride to be of Chris Kahler will be held on Saturday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Fairmont Yacht Club. RSVP to Holly at (507) 848-7104 (call or text). Macy is registered at Target & Sterling Drug.

In Our Prayers: Leilani Boosinger, Tayler Hagen, Lois Anderson, JeRay Armstrong

Coping With Cancer: Miriam Krueger, Diane Beseke, Shirley Skogerboe, Serena Johnson, Marlene Kuntz, Tom Wescott, Andrea Mileham, Cindi Crissinger, Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny Anderson, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegeler, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Roberta Garbers, Karen Brolsma, Jethro Zezulka, Dan Hanson, Sandy Claussen, Robert Ziemer, Judith Nielson, Wanda Klima, Lois Anderson, Marilyn Pierson, Crue Crosby, Janet & Dick Lepird, Lorraine Gagnon, Dennis Cook, Norma Brolsma, Kurt Jans, Bruce Behne, Steve Luhmann, LaVerna Diekmann, Carroll Behne, Verna Bliesmer, Les Anderson, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Joyce Hansen Picken, Linda Chase, Adam Janssen, Marcella Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts.

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week: David Anderson, Brad Ringnell, Tucker Schumann, Martin Rosenberg, Brenda Frolik, Tammy Smith, Trent VanderWert, Andy Truesdell, Adrianna Garber, Chandler Koehler, Tom Mulso, Linda Schwager, Marriah Salisbury, Steve Frolik, Kelly Koehnen, Lori Stibbe, Dick Lepird, Francie Ziemer

Members Celebrating Anniversaries This Week: Roy & Jina Behne, Duane & Kathy Potts, James & Judy Hybbert

Congratulations to Nickolas & Jordan (Gregory Holm) who were united in marriage here at St. John's Lutheran, Saturday, May, 15.

Congratulations to Brian & Rebecca Sokoloski on the birth of a daughter, Haddie Lou. Haddie was born on May 7

We Remember the family and friends of Caroline Flohre. Caroline was called to her eternal rest May 8 and her funeral will be held on May 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church.

We remember the family and friends of Robert Hoffmeyer. Robert was called to his eternal rest on May 15. Visitation is Friday from 5:00-7:00 with funeral at 7:00 here at the church.